
Database Research Guide for Broad Perspectives

ABOUT

The South Dakota State Library, a division of the SD Department of Education, supports local librarians and libraries by encouraging excellence in services, providing collections to expand local reach, serving special populations, and offering quality research and interlibrary loan services to libraries and state agencies.

The State Library offers free to all South Dakota citizens a diverse, rich collection of 50+ databases and digital resources for research, reading & inquiry. Databases may also be referred to as 'eresources' or 'digital resources.'

- ✓ All SDSL databases are linked at library.sd.gov.
- ✓ [Help](#) and [training](#) available.
- ✓ Contact Kim Bonen, Digital Resources Coordinator | kim.bonen@state.sd.us
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- ✓ Access this document digitally at: <https://bit.ly/3I3kgu4>

ACCESS

SDSL databases can be accessed in three ways:

1. Instantly, without a login, anywhere in South Dakota's geographic borders thanks to GeoIP.
2. Instantly within your school and without a login because of school district IP authentication.
3. Out-of-state using your school's State Library eCard. Login required.

Complete list of databases in alphabetical order: library.sd.gov > Databases

* ebook options

Black Freedom Struggle in the United States (by ProQuest): Primary sources by subject: Slavery and Abolitionist Movement, Civil War and Reconstruction Era, Jim Crow Era, New Deal and World War II, Civil Rights and Black Power Movements, Contempo

Culture Grams: Statistical and cultural information about each US state and 200 countries. Daily life and culture, history, customs, lifestyles, recipes and interviews.

Digital Library of South Dakota

- BHSU Collections: [W.R. Cross Photograph Collection](#)
- SDSU Collections: [Ben Reifel](#) | [Dakota Tawaxitu Kin](#)
- USD Collections: [Chilson Collection](#) | [American Indian Research Project](#)

Digital Public Library of America: DPLA features curated projects on a variety of research topics with both broad and narrow focus, which may help you with your topic.

***EBSCO eBooks:** Over 10,000 books in the arts, humanities, religion, social sciences, life and physical sciences, business, computers & more.

Explora (Teens & Public Libraries): Biographies, current events, geography & culture, history, social studies

***Gale eBooks:** World Religions Reference Library, Encyclopedia of World Biography 2nd ed., Encyclopedia of Native American Tribes, Junior Worldmark Encyclopedia of World Cultures, & more

Indigenous Peoples: A robust, diverse, informative source that will enhance research and increase understanding of the historical experiences, cultural traditions and innovations, and political status of the Indigenous Peoples in the United States and Canada.

Points of View Reference Center: Covers hundreds of topics, each with an overview (objective background/description), point (argument) and counterpoint (opposing argument).

SIRS Issues Researcher: Civil rights & liberties, world culture & politics

South Dakota State Historical Society Archives: [American Indian Research](#)

***TrueFlix:** Dozens of social studies and science pairings of videos and books. Primary sources, fiction, videos, audio clips, images, and related websites.

World Book Advanced: Biographies, timelines, continents, countries and regions, world history

Other Databases to try: Academic Search Premier and/or ProQuest Research Library